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In re application of:

Bradley W. SMITH

Serial No.: PE

10/732,996

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LOCKING INITIATOR ASSEMBLY FOR AN AIRBAG INFLATOR DEVICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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SMALL ENTITY					
	RATE		ADD'L FEE	OR	
	x	25	=	\$	-
	х	100	=	\$	
	+	180	=	\$	
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	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
2	RATE	ADD'L FEE			
	x 50 =	\$			
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Examiner:

Tiffany Louise Webb

## **AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 24 May 2006, please amend the subject Patent Application as follows.

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